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INFO: Ambassador BORN
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Ambassador TAIPEI

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SUBJECT: Contact with Communist China

REF: STATE 202020; WARRAV 5716

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